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The response filed on 4/30/01 is defective because the response filed on 1/23/01, including pages 236 and 237, does not contain a statement by the attorney of record that the enclosed pages are a "true and correct copy" of a translation of the application as originally filed. The scanned pages of the application filed 10/14/98 contain Amended Sheet 26 and 27, and do not contain pages 236 and 237. Therefore, either pages 236 and 237 were not filed 10/14/98 or the pages were lost between Applications Branch and scanning. The pages can not be substituted for Amended Sheets 26 and 27 absent the above statement.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply a proper amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne E. McDowell whose telephone number is (703) 305-4018. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jan Silbaugh, can be reached at (703) 308-3829. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7718.

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